

Appl. No. 09/461,110  
Amdt. Dated January 27, 2005  
Reply to Office action of October 6, 2004  
Attorney Docket No. P10796-US1  
EUS/J/P/05-3022

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

#### **Claim Amendments**

The Applicant has canceled claims 1-16. New claims 17-32 have been added. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 17-32 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing added claims and the following remarks.

#### **Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)**

Claims 1-4, 7-12 and 15-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bauer et al. (US 5,870,765 hereinafter Bauer) in view of Brodersen et al., (US 6,324,693 hereinafter Brodersen). In order to expedite allowance of this application, the Applicant has canceled claims 1-4, 7-12 and 15-16 without prejudice. Therefore, this rejection with respect to these claims is deemed to be moot. The Applicant has added claims 17-32 to better define the intended scope of the claimed invention. The Examiner's consideration of the new claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 5-6 and 13-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bauer in view of Brodersen et al., and in further view of Nishida et al., (US 4,541,091 hereinafter Nishida). In order to expedite allowance of this application, the Applicant has canceled claims 5-6 and 13-14 without prejudice. Therefore, this rejection with respect to these claims is deemed to be moot. The Applicant has added claims 17-32 to better define the intended scope of the claimed invention. The Examiner's consideration of the added claims is respectfully requested.

Support for the new claims is found in the summary (Pages 3-5) and the description of Figure 2 (pages 8-12).

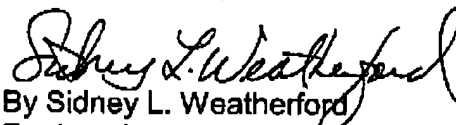
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### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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